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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.83 million cattle on feed on October 1, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below October 1, 2001. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 520,000 head, up 16 percent from both 2002 and 2001. Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 345,000 head, up 3 percent from last year and 10 percent above September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 5,000 head compared with 5,000 head during September 2002 and 5,000 head during September 2001.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

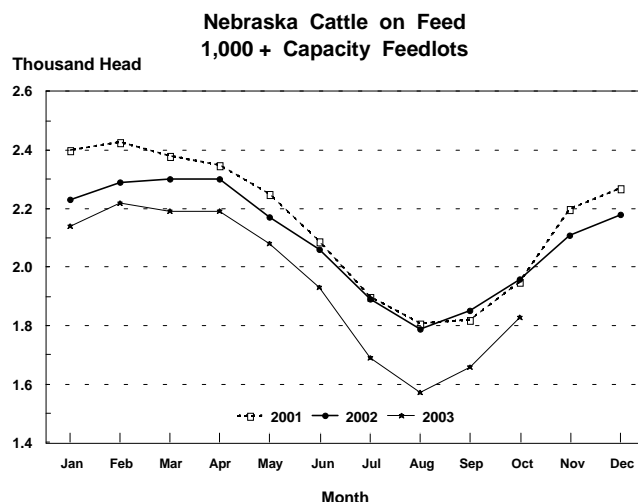
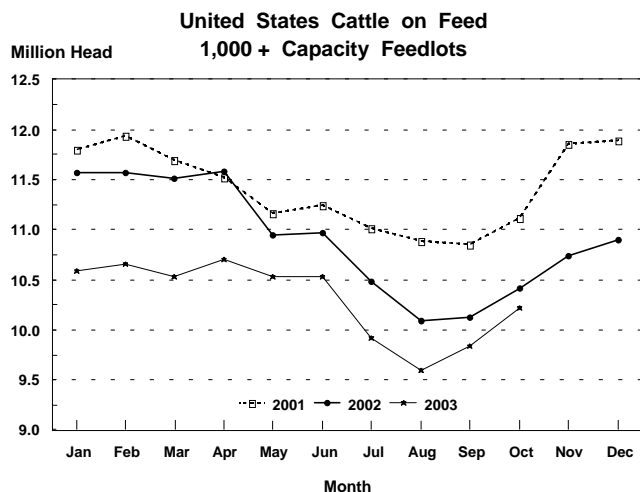
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

STATE	October 1 Number on Feed ¹			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	288	275	95	30	25	83	26	23	88	1	1	100
California	495	485	98	60	61	102	52	63	121	3	3	100
Colorado	1,030	950	92	255	255	100	220	200	91	5	5	100
Idaho	280	270	96	69	82	119	63	56	89	1	1	100
Iowa	315	310	98	68	80	118	62	69	111	1	1	100
Kansas	2,280	2,300	101	460	530	115	400	465	116	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,960	1,830	93	450	520	116	335	345	103	5	5	100
New Mexico	113	123	109	20	16	80	18	10	56	3	4	133
Oklahoma	330	350	106	83	81	98	57	73	128	1	3	300
So. Dakota	150	145	97	49	49	100	43	37	86	1	1	100
Texas	2,720	2,720	100	530	620	117	470	580	123	20	20	100
Washington	170	190	112	42	53	126	26	41	158	1	2	200
Other States	285	265	93	72	102	142	76	70	92	1	2	200
United States	10,416	10,213	98	2,188	2,474	113	1,848	2,032	110	53	63	119

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, October 17, 2003.



Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

State	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>1,000 Head</i>										
Colorado	51	41	53	46	78	78	73	90	255	255
Kansas	105	135	125	140	140	160	90	95	460	530
Nebraska	133	102	74	95	106	127	137	196	450	520
Texas	170	250	155	185	145	130	60	55	530	620
Other States	155	170	80	79	113	115	145	185	493	549
U.S.	614	698	487	545	582	610	505	621	2,188	2,474

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed October 17, 2003.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

September 2003 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 2003 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Sept. 2003 Percent of	
		Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	681.9	107	100
Hogs, head	590.6	100	107
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	638.4	102	102
United States			
Cattle, head	3,122.9	109	100
Calves, head	82.6	93	104
Hogs, head	8,554.2	101	106
Sheep & Lambs, head	256.3	93	106
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,008.0	103	102

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, October 24, 2003.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, September 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Sept. 2003 Percent of	
		Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	834,486	84	102
Beef	381,439	77	103
Pork	435,891	91	101
Poultry	1,260,130	83	95
Turkey	653,508	97	92
Chicken	603,691	72	98

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, October 20, 2003.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, September 2003 with Comparisons

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.7	11.8	102
30 States	315.9	309.4	98
United States	337.3	331.7	98
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	255	262	103
30 States	6,689	6,583	98
United States	7,147	7,054	99
Chickens Hatched,			
United States			
Egg-type	35.7	35.8	100
Broiler	740.4	739.2	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, October 21, 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 2002-2003

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		20 States		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Milk cows ¹	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
April-June	67	65	7,770	7,785	9,149	9,114
July-September	67	63	7,782	7,753	9,153	9,065
Milk production ²	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
April-June	298	294	37,962	37,994	44,015	43,872
July-September	283	277	36,152	36,096	41,791	41,540

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, October 17, 2003.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October is 113, based on 1990-92=100, 3 points above the September index. Higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, dairy, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, hogs, wheat, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and

cottonseed more than offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, wheat, and tobacco.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (18.9 percent) above October, 2002. Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes and hay.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary October 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		October 2002 ¹	September 2003 ¹	October 15, 2003	October 2002 ¹	September 2003 ¹	October 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 4.57	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.05	\$ 4.38	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.23	33	\$ 9.82
Corn	Bushels	2.37	2.16	2.00	2.34	2.20	2.02	30	6.71
Oats	Bushels	2.32	1.39	1.40	1.80	1.38	1.37	33	4.19
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	4.47	3.73	3.56	4.33	3.97	3.72	33	11.40
Soybeans	Bushels	5.16	5.91	6.75	5.20	6.06	6.94	47	14.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	91.00	56.00	56.00	93.80	84.20	84.40		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	56.00	57.00	102.00	89.00	88.80		
Other, Baled	Ton	90.00	52.00	51.00	74.50	70.10	71.40		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	19.10	18.70	15.90	16.70	17.70	17.00	33	51.20
Hogs	Cwt.	34.40	41.20	39.30	30.80	39.60	37.70	36	104.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.70	41.40	39.40	31.40	40.10	38.10		
Sows	Cwt.	19.80	31.60	32.00	19.20	30.80	31.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	66.20	88.10	99.40	64.60	85.10	91.60	56	163.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	67.20	89.40	101.00	68.60	89.40	97.40		
Cows	Cwt.	32.80	46.00	46.90	33.60	44.90	44.70		
Calves	Cwt.	92.90	116.00	118.00	92.00	109.00	112.00	51	219.00
Sheep	Cwt.	27.40	28.60		25.60	32.10			80.20
Lambs	Cwt.	76.20	87.70		79.60	94.70			188.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for October 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, October 31, 2003.

Cash Receipts: By Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Nebraska, 1998-2002¹

Commodity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>				
All commodities	9,017,336	8,388,959	8,955,294	9,221,002	9,588,658
Livestock and products	5,124,446	5,426,343	5,916,963	6,095,174	5,824,295
Meat animals	4,830,812	5,121,114	5,633,645	5,788,105	5,552,104
Cattle and calves	4,267,526	4,583,159	4,941,090	5,066,786	4,958,569
Hogs	553,336	527,073	682,204	712,715	584,369
Sheep and lambs	9,950	10,882	10,351	8,603	9,166
Dairy products	154,775	150,884	145,314	168,484	141,154
Milk, wholesale	154,775	150,884	145,314	168,484	141,154
Poultry/eggs	120,958	137,656	121,111	122,478	111,533
Broilers	2,808	22,126	6,270	7,020	6,210
Farm Chickens	531	188	442	16	18
Chicken eggs	97,416	93,385	93,719	95,532	84,596
Other poultry	1,800	1,200	900	870	880
Miscellaneous livestock	17,901	16,689	16,893	16,107	19,504
Honey	3,853	2,724	2,567	1,486	4,676
Wool	162	162	123	124	183
All other livestock	3,700	13,600	13,900	14,200	14,300
Crops	3,892,890	2,962,616	3,038,331	3,125,828	3,764,363
Food grains	239,118	151,974	195,493	156,908	179,924
Wheat	238,510	145,387	183,404	145,303	171,072
Millet Proso	NA	5,816	11,648	11,273	8,483
Feed crops	2,457,427	1,901,517	1,874,768	1,888,591	2,433,175
Barley	788	393	283	329	450
Corn	2,231,480	1,733,530	1,722,187	1,691,224	2,251,625
Hay	120,727	91,941	94,471	136,134	133,022
Oats	2,167	2,605	796	1,999	2,189
Sorghum grain	102,265	73,047	57,033	58,906	45,889
Oil crops	975,805	697,688	800,775	876,506	948,539
Soybeans	966,916	686,940	794,070	869,283	944,488
Sunflower	8,762	10,647	6,672	NR	NR
Vegetables	128,643	123,197	90,305	121,107	121,161
Beans, dry	72,813	64,473	47,010	65,785	65,615
Potatoes	49,180	52,074	36,794	48,822	48,246
Summer	6,858	7,845	7,597	NA	NA
Fall	42,322	44,229	36,794	48,822	48,246
Misc. vegetables	6,650	6,650	6,500	6,500	7,300
Fruits/nuts	920	775	720	720	720
Other berries	120	75	70	70	70
Misc. fruits & nuts	800	700	650	650	650
All other crops	90,977	87,466	76,270	81,996	80,844
Sugarbeets	32,877	41,766	32,470	30,996	28,044
Other seeds	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,000
Other field crops	34,800	22,900	21,000	28,000	30,000
Greenhouse/nursery	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800

¹ USDA estimates and publishes individual cash receipt values only for major commodities and major producing States. The U.S. receipts for individual commodities, computed as the sum of the reported States, may understate the value of sales for some commodities, with the balance included in the appropriate category labeled "other" for "miscellaneous." The degree of underestimation in some of the minor commodities can be substantial.

NA = not available. NR = not for release. Source: USDA ERS <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm>

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